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15 Sailors Entombed In Thames Estuary FIVE SURVIVORS RESCUED

The Hague, Jan. 12.—At least 15 British sailors were entombed below the waters of the Thames Estuary tonight after their submarine Truculent had been rammed in the torpedo room.

Five survivors, said to have been in the conning tower, have been picked up.

Man Marries Step-Daughter

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Helen Bishop, aged 35, has failed in a bid to annul the marriage of her recently divorced husband to her 16-year-old daughter by a former marriage.

The divorced husband, Victor Bishop, aged 35, and Mrs. Bishop's daughter were married 21 days after the husband's divorce from the bride's mother became final.

"I gave him a divorce when he told me that he was in love with a younger woman," Mrs. Bishop told the court. "I did not know the other woman was my own daughter."

The court decided to take no action.

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The fight for the lives of the men waiting helplessly in the Truculent—a fight which depends on their air supplies—began immediately British naval vessels steamed to the disaster spot.

The sea is flat and visibility is between two and three miles.

The Truculent, equipped with the "Schnorkel" breathing device, sank in collision with the Swedish vessel Divina which then went out of control and ran aground on the ominous "Shivering Sands."

Lifeboats and other craft are searching for more survivors.

The submarine's hatches were closed with about 15 men still on board, according to radio messages picked up at The Hague.

The collision took place north-west of Redoubt Tower, according to a message received here tonight.

The Dutch steamer Almdijk reported "Have picked up five survivors. Believe submarine was in collision with Swedish ship, Divina. Please keep looking out for further survivors." The message was signed "Master."

The ship which reported the sinking, the Almdijk, is a Holland-America freighter bound from New Orleans to Rotterdam.

The Truculent, 206 feet long, is officially described as a "patrol type" submarine equipped with a 42-day patrol.

The "Schnorkel" equipment enables air to be taken in when the submarine is submerged.

A later message from the Dutch steamer Almdijk gave the name of the Swedish vessel as the Divina.

The Divina is a motor-tanker of 643 tons. She left the Port of London today.

According to shipping circles here in touch with the Almdijk, the five survivors picked up by the Almdijk's lifeboat were the Commander, three Lieutenants and one rating.

It is understood that the men were in the conning tower of the submarine at the time of the collision and were thus saved.

Immediately under the conning tower, the Dutch shipping sources say, there are other members of the crew who could be saved if the submarine could be lifted in time before the air supply gave out.

According to further messages picked up here the submarine was rammed on the starboard side in the torpedo room and "sank almost immediately."

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The five survivors picked up by the Dutch freighter have been put ashore at Gravesend, on the south side of the Thames Estuary.

RESCUE OPERATIONS

According to a London message there were more than 60 men aboard the Truculent at the time of the disaster. She was travelling on the surface.

She carried enough underwater escape apparatus for every member of the crew. The apparatus is distributed throughout various water-tight compartments of the submarine.

At the request of the Navy, Royal Air Force planes with flares and parachute-borne rubber boats joined ships in the rescue operation and searched for survivors.

The Truculent is thought to have been carrying out diving tests yesterday and shipping had been warned by radio of naval exercises in the area including the presence of a submarine.

Later tonight fog closed in, cutting out visibility to less than half a mile.—Reuter.

Associated Press adds that the Truculent was built during the war and operated against the Japanese in the Pacific.

Tragic K'loon Fire



All the tragedy of the blaze which on Wednesday destroyed the squatter colony at Kowloon City is summed up in this picture which shows a young Chinese woman and her baby, grief-stricken, as the woman watches over the few personal belongings she was able to rescue before the fire burned down her home. See Editorial this page.

Tsiang Surrenders Presidency Of Security Council

Lake Success, Jan. 12.—The Chinese Nationalist delegate to the Security Council, Dr. T. F. Tsiang, whose expulsion is demanded by the Soviet Union tonight agreed to step down from the Presidency of the Council.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, who walked out on the Security Council meeting on Tuesday demanding Dr. Tsiang's expulsion, took his seat at the Security Council again tonight when it met to discuss his demand for the expulsion of Dr. Tsiang.

Dr. Tsiang was said to be willing to hand over to the Cuban delegate, Dr. Carlos Blanco.

Dr. Tsiang opened the meeting by stating that he had decided to exercise his discretionary power of stepping down from the Presidency of the Council in favour of Dr. Blanco.

He cited as a precedent the action of the United States delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, who, as an interested party, vacated the Presidency of the Council when it discussed the Berlin question in Paris in 1948.

Dr. Tsiang then took his normal alphabetical place at the table and Dr. Blanco moved to the centre seat.

Dr. Ales Bebler (Yugoslavia) supported the Soviet proposal as "perfectly justified."

He said that there was no convincing reason for any further delay in the matter and called for an immediate decision in favour of the new Chinese Government.

M. Jean Chauvel (France) criticised the Soviet delegate for his walk-out on Tuesday.

"This manner of acting is not likely to bolster the prestige of the Council or of the United Nations," M. Chauvel said.

He added that the French delegation would not contest the validity of the Chinese Nationalist delegation.

Sir Benegal Rau (India) repeated his contention that the Council's rules of procedure were "defective."

POLITICAL QUESTION

Dr. Tsiang declared that when he took his seat on the Council more than two years ago his credentials were duly certified as adequate. That being so his standing was "as regular as that of any other member."

He said that although the Soviet resolution "speaks of my credentials, what it calls into question is not my credentials but the right of my Government to be represented here at all," said Dr. Tsiang.

It is, therefore, not a question of mere procedure but is a political question of the utmost importance. I treat it as such."

This declaration was interpreted by observers to mean that Dr. Tsiang would uphold his right to vote, his removal

Churchill Returns For Election Battle

London, Jan. 12.—The Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, returned here tonight to lead his election troops into battle after a fog had threatened his air journey from Madeira. This had provoked considerable anxiety.

The 75-year-old leader disembarked from a flying boat at Southampton, in a fine fighting fettle, ready for an early "Council of War" with his chief lieutenants—the members of the Conservative "Shadow" Cabinet.

Although Mr. Churchill's chief colleagues stood by as a precaution against a quick summons from their leader, the general impression was that developments were unlikely tonight.

Other main election news of the day was a summons to the 300 Socialist Members of Parliament to a secret briefing by their leader on campaign policy and tactics in London on January 24.

This will be the "winding up" meeting of the Parliamentary Party. There will be morale-boosting speeches by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Labour campaign "boss."

A split developed today among Britain's 8,000,000 trade unionists—most of them traditional backers of Labour—over the Socialist Government's wage freezing policy.

CLOSE VOTE

The nation's 187 leading trade unions, represented by delegates at a conference here, approved the Government policy on wages by the narrow majority of 600,000.

The delegates, using blue votes, approved the policy by 4,200,000 to 3,600,000.

The conference opened with an attempt to get the decision postponed until after the general election, but this was defeated. Speaker after speaker in the debate—among them many who had their votes for the Trades Union Congress policy—complained that wages restraint could only be practised if there were stricter measures to control profits.

The general opinion among political observers was that trade unionists would not allow their split to affect Labour's chances of success in the general election on February 23.

It is expected that there will be a truce until after Britain has gone to the polls.

The full force of the discontent of 3,500,000 workers is then likely to explode on the new Government if it persists in a wage-pegging policy.—Reuter.

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Nationalists Claim 11 Ships Hit

Taipei, Jan. 12.—The Chinese Nationalists announced tonight a heavy air raid on Red Shanghai had hit eleven ships and left waterfront warehouses in flames.

The Air Force command said Nationalist B-24 bombers and P-51 fighter bombers were used in today's assault.

"They bombed three ships in harbour, setting one afire, badly damaged two ships in drydock, badly damaged another at the mouth of the Whangpoo River and set five more afire by strafing."

It said in addition to waterfront buildings, unidentified ground establishments in the Chapei and Pootung districts were hit.

The former capital of Nan-king and the Yangtze river cities of Kiangyin and Ching-king also were noted without announced results.

WUHSIEN ATTACKED

Wuhsien (Szechwan), famed beauty spot west of Shanghai, also was attacked.

Said to be 200 miles Northwest of Hongkong, it was reported bombed again with two ships and many small craft hit.

The Nationalist Defence Ministry reported there was small scale fighting with Red guerrillas on Hainan island off the South coast.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's staff flatly denied, however, a report published abroad that the Communists had begun an landing the report about an "invader" Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said, "The invaders have been ghosts or other things, the products of the imagination."

Associated Press.

Won't Injure Law

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Truman said today that there is still no national emergency in coal supply. Thus he has no plans to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act.

United Press.

EDITORIAL

Self-Help For Squatters

THE New Year has started with a disasterous fire in the old Kowloon City area, similar in destruction to the two blazes in 1949 which destroyed thousands of squatters' huts in Tai Kok Tsui. Significantly enough, it always seems to be impossible to determine the origin of these fires which so quickly and dramatically demolish precious homes and leave thousands of people—old and young, without living quarters. The latest disaster, which fortunately entailed no loss of life, draws renewed attention to the problem of squatters' areas, both in general and particular. At not obvious before, it became painfully apparent on Wednesday afternoon that insufficient attention had been paid by the Authorities to the matter of spacing when the squatters' village at old Kowloon City was permitted to come into existence. Only narrow alleyways separated the rows of dwellings, making it difficult not only for the inhabitants to escape from the fire with their few belongings, but also proving a handicap to the fire-fighters, whose required freedom of mobility was gravely restricted. Because squatters' huts are inevitable in this shockingly overcrowded Colony, it can be expected that new shacks will in due course arise from the ashes of old Kowloon City. In which case the Authorities must step in and see that they are constructed and laid out in such a way that should there be another outbreak of fire, there will be a reasonable chance of containing the blaze and restricting the loss of property. No blame is to be attached to the fire brigade and other workers for the heavy losses sustained at Kowloon City on Wednesday. The firemen and others worked magnificently under virtually impossible conditions; but they were not given even a fair chance, largely because the inflammable hutments had been allowed to be erected

check by jowl, presenting to the flames a target which they could not fail to consume. The very least which is demanded of future squatters' areas is that they are developed in such a way as to permit unhindered access to fire engines in the event of a blaze. Moreover, proper spacing will provide every hut with additional fresh air and sunlight, which is in the interests of the health of the squatters. Another important consideration is the provision of easily accessible fire extinguishers. The suggestion is not that these should be provided by Government free of charge, and, therefore, liable to loss through theft. But squatters could be encouraged to form themselves into self-preservation communities, who would, among other things, contribute towards the cost of fire extinguishers. A committee elected among themselves would hold itself responsible for the safety of these extinguishers, and members of the community would be trained in handling them. Placed at strategic points in a squatters' village they may well prove the means of preventing a disasterous fire. The idea of the squatter community could also be developed along the lines of public health and sanitation by encouraging the inhabitants of these areas to take some interest in their own welfare. A large proportion of our squatters today are people who carry out skilled and semi-skilled work, and they are, therefore, sufficiently intelligent to appreciate the advantages of self-help if these are demonstrated to them. Physically, squatters become a community because their homes are contained within a restricted area and they cannot avoid becoming neighbours. They should, in consequence, be encouraged to develop and share a community spirit, appreciating that the safety and welfare of one family is the safety and welfare of them all.

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Pleated Jersey Vogue



By PRUNELLA WOOD

MANY a dress is offered this season with accented pleated skirt, and for the most part, the pleats are in to stay, through fittings and cleanings. All designers are up to smart tricks with wool jersey this season, among them the pleated skirt trick.

The dress above is black wool jersey, its skirt pleats stitched along a knife-edge all the way, to stay put, attached to a buttoned sleeveless blouse with cardigan closing, made of lime green and black jersey in matching width stripes. Sleeves are of the push-up length; belt is black jersey.

Spring Colours Previewed

VIVID red is a colour that is coming up strongly as a background to prints and in prints, appearing on white or beige. Most widely featured in sporty prints that have lots of animation.

Creamy beige is a neutral that is also getting important backing in cotton and rayon prints and coloured woven fancy cottons styled for wash dresses and two-pieces that look like suits.

Coral orange is another shade that is making style news in rayon prints styled for wash dresses and housecoats. It appears chiefly as background to prints done in black or gray with white.

A COMPLETE range of rosy hues from the palest pinky beige to old rose, raspberry, shrimp and strawberry are being shown in a wide fabric variety in teen dresses. Candy pink linen accents often in Peter Pan collars and wide cuffs is another way pink enters the picture. Pastel pink in nylon acetate and lots of pink and green cheeks are also scheduled.

RECENT showings offer a variety of smoky neutral shades for new spring evening dresses. The grayed-look to pastels, by way of smoky grays over soft pastels, is another interesting colour note. Sheer fabrics—chiffons and silk organza—are popular over-shoulder fabrics. Greens over blues and vice-versa are popular in neis as well as in lace-over-taffetas dresses. Violet shades in soft grayed tones to the clear true violet are prominent for evening wear.

CLAIM AGAINST ALEXIS SMITH



A suit has been filed by Warner Bros in Los Angeles to cancel contracts with Alexis Smith, the film actress, and to recover \$40,000 (£14,285 sterling) already paid her.

The Film Company's suit alleged Miss Smith refused a picture assignment on October 15. It asserted Warner paid her \$40,000 under the contract the previous day.

(London Express Service)

Household Hint

If the tile in your bathroom is stained so that you cannot get the stains off with ordinary cleaning, try this: dissolve one part of sodium citrate crystals (purchasable at your drug store) in six parts of water. Measure and add an equal amount of glycerine and mix well. Stir in enough whiting to make a thick paste. Spread over stains, let dry, then wash off and rinse well.

Utility Linen Shortage Confronts British Housewives
—By Eileen Ascroft—

HOUSEWIVES in England trying to replenish their linen cupboards will have noticed how difficult it is to buy utility sheets and pillow cases.

Behind this acute shortage lies a story which does the Government no credit.

They fix the price at which raw cotton is sold to the manufacturer and when devaluation steps within two days, but manufacturers were not allowed to increase their utility ceiling price accordingly.

The result is that manufacturers cannot afford to produce utility household goods. In many cases they are ceasing to do so, and are cancelling orders for the shops.

But there is another side to this which is even more unfair to the long-suffering housewife.

Non-Utility Prices

Manufacturers, in certain cases, unable to sell at utility prices, are making the same goods to sell at non-utility prices, which are not controlled.

These carry a 60-2-3 purchase tax, which the customer has to pay.

Thus a utility sheet (size 80in x 100in), whose maximum retail price would be 40s 6d, sold as non-utility will cost the housewife 7s 6d.

In the case of a utility pillow case (size 20in x 30in), which sells at 2s 11½d, if it is sold as non-utility it will cost the housewife 6s 6d.

A Hollywood Fairy Godmother
By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood Any modern fairy godmother who produces a pumpkin coach should drop dead here in Hollywood fairy godmothers supply an introduction to an agent and a 15-day diet.

When the clock strikes 12, the fairy godmother is waiting at a ring-side table to make sure Cinderella doesn't disappear before it's her turn to come on stage.

Joan Crawford, the fairy godmother with the reducing diet, sprang out of the mists of Hollywood to begin singing, "Would you mind," she asked the jittery Cinderella, "if I tried to help you?"

The first thing Miss Crawford did was put her protégée on a strict diet. For breakfast, Miss Crawford ordered:

One egg, two slices of bacon, half a grapefruit, black coffee.

For lunch: a salad of either pineapple or pear and cottage cheese, with milk or black coffee or tea with lemon.

No Cake or Candy

For dinner: a mixed green salad, two chops of any kind of meat or a small steak, a vegetable and half a grapefruit.

"I'm not hungry, honest," said Miss Morgan. "But I look as sweet as Miss Crawford."

"I just don't want her splurging on cake and candy," Miss Crawford said severely.

The strawberry blonde Miss Morgan came to Hollywood as a vocalist with Harry James' band. But she had a tough time getting engagements on her own until suddenly a cancellation gave her a week's work at Ciro's.

The day after her opening, Miss Morgan was quartered at Miss Crawford's luxurious home.

Learns Glamour

"She told me my voice was okay, but I needed to learn how to sell glamour," she said. So Miss Crawford, who knows how to sell glamour herself, taught her.

"She did my hair. She helped with my makeup. She gave me some tips on posture. She changed my act around a little. She started me on a diet."

"Marion," she said, "you're going places if it breaks my back."

The second night at Ciro's, Miss Morgan appeared in a pale pink, pencil-slim gown, with a beaded belt shaded from rose to maroon red. It was right from Miss Crawford's wardrobe, designed by her own dressmaker.

The rest of the week was so successful that, two months later, Ciro's brought Miss Morgan back for another engagement.

Meanwhile, Miss Crawford had helped the singer choose a new wardrobe of evening gowns of her own.

"And when I had an engagement in San Francisco," Miss Morgan thrilled, "she lent me her own luscious white fox stole to wear."

When I questioned the Board of Trade about this matter, they attributed the present shortage to "increased public demand." On future supplies they say: "Cotton prices will be raised in the future to cover the increase in raw cotton costs."

But they were unable to tell me when and why the delay.

Godfathers And Best Men

LOVELY present for a new god-daughter, an add-a-pearl scheme to build up a pearl necklace for her 21st birthday by adding a new pearl for every anniversary.

This is a tradition in the Royal family, adopted by the King for both his daughters.

For a best man to give the happy couple a novel cocktail-shaker with instructions for mixing various cocktails engraved all round it, so that even the most inexperienced husband can't go wrong.

About schools

PARENTS estranged from their children, health ruined by playing games, immediately after hurried meals or doing an hour's work before breakfast, on an empty stomach, and the boredom of compulsory games and worship are some of the reasons against boarding schools put forward in a very interesting book by Stella Churchill, called 'The Adolescent and the Family' (Penguin 7s 6d, The Cresset Press).

Miss Churchill has some illuminating things to say about this fascinating problem, which must be discussed in many homes when the children reach school age.

The own views are that where the family forms an harmonious unit with a reliable father and mother it is far more beneficial to the child to be reared in his own home and attend a day school.

Day schools, she says, do not kill initiative in the talented boy, do not encourage bullying, give the child a healthier atmosphere for sexual development, and the opportunity of mixing more with the outside world and seeing different homes.

Mink fables

LADIES in New York are wearing mink coats made of mink against the cold. In Hollywood, Pauline Goddard has taken to wearing mink shorts, and in London a baby mink walked into a fashionable stage society restaurant and asked the head waiter: "Is my mother here?"

(London Express Service)

Wool Crepe For Daytime



Well-cut dress of honey beige.

By VERA WINSTON

Wonderful woolen dresses, marked by deft detail and interesting accents, and beautifully handled lines, play a starring role in the fashion parade. Dark wools, colourful wools, dressy numbers and, casual frocks, all have their place in the wool line-up. Honey beige wool crepe is used for this model, a nice daytime dress with a slender silhouette which is relieved by a ruffled collar which terminates in the seams across the top of the yoke. The high, round neckline, a change after the plunging job, adds a nice foil for jewellery. The skirt is a wrap-around and has a loose flared top-over with side drapery sewn down part way.

Keep Your



Good circulation is very important to the health of your hair. So, to encourage the flow of blood to the scalp, massage in a lotion designed for the purpose.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If the colour of your hair does not precisely please you, forget about it. Any colour can be made attractive and charming if the glorious crown is kept shining clean, is arranged in a chic and becoming manner.

Blonde, brown, black, golden, red, chestnut, white, pepper-and-salt, it does not really matter. They all have possibilities of beauty even the oddest tones about which the owners do considerable bawling. By exquisite grooming of scalp and tresses, lovely results can be obtained.

Keep the growth healthy by using the hair brush vigorously at bedtime, by shampooing frequently by flouting the most becoming arrangement you can conceive, and you are all set as far as your topknot is concerned.

The root of each hair shaft rests in a papilla, in which are nerves and blood vessels. More than one realises, the well being of human wool depends upon the healthy state of these tiny mechanisms. Vigorous massage of the scalp, stimulating the blood streams, has a vitalising effect upon them.

When a shaft has served its term, which may be from two to seven years, it moults. If the papilla is active it will produce a soft, fluffy little under-shed that develops into a normal shaft.

If you cannot spare time—or think you can't—for a scalp mauling at bed time, then give yourself a sort of scalp treatment before starting your shampoo.

Brush the hair a strand at a time, in the opposite direction in which the hair is usually dressed. Slop the bristles on the scalp, go through the strand with a rolling motion.

Spread out fingers and thumb or your scalp. Keep the fingers stationary, do circles with the thumbs. Lift the flesh and pinch it. Your scalp will glow, and you will know that the blood streams are extra active, taking nourishment to every silky thread.

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JAP. TREATY: FURTHER STUDY NEEDED

Viewpoints Differ At Colombo Talks

Colombo, Jan. 11.—The Commonwealth Foreign Ministers meeting here today agreed in principle to set up a working party to study the problem of a Japanese peace treaty.

They also heard a 75-minute first-hand report on the situation in South-East Asia by Mr Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner General.

The peace treaty working party will be at Ambassador or High Commissioner level. Although it was not decided where it should meet, London is considered a possibility.

Observers see in the establishment of a working party an admission that Commonwealth countries have widely differing views on the treaty and that further consultation is required before a detailed, co-ordinated policy can emerge.

They point out that any decision depends on other important factors besides those represented in Colombo.

DIVERGENT VIEWS

Today's discussions revealed views on Japan which placed India at one extreme and Australia at the other.

Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, strongly supported a quick settlement of the peace treaty under conditions which would allow Japanese economic and political self-determination and an early withdrawal of occupation forces.

Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, supported Mr. Nehru's view but stressed the need for a strong and effective security system in the Far East.

Mr. Macdonald, the British Commissioner General, pointed out that the British view was a middle one between the two extremes.

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Defendants In Skoplje Spy Trial All Plead Guilty

Belgrade, Jan. 11.—One of the defendants in the Skoplje trial said today that he and 80 other prisoners in Kocchia grotto, Albania, had been released on condition that they went to Yugoslavia to work for the Communist.

This defendant, Vani Anel, said that he had been freed under this offer from a 20 years' sentence for wartime collaboration.

In Yugoslavia he was chiefly engaged in spreading disloyal propaganda.

All the 10 accused five Albanians and five Yugoslavs in the trial at Skoplje have pleaded guilty to charges including spying and subversive activities on behalf of Albania.

Four defendants admitted their guilt yesterday and the remainder did so at today's session.

One of them, Miro Pilić, said that he had been twice arrested by the Albanian secret service to spy and make contact with foreign groups.

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Sharman's Christmas Escort



Christmas in New York for Sharman Douglas, daughter of the United States Ambassador to Britain. Miss Douglas's name has been romantically linked with some of Britain's most eligible bachelors, but her escort in the picture above is her brother, Lewis Douglas, Jr.—London Express Service.

U.S. Republicans Seek Military View On Formosa

Washington, Jan. 11.—Two Republican Senators, Mr Arthur Vandenberg and Mr Robert Taft—long opposed on foreign policy—joined today in a demand that Congress question the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the strategic importance of Formosa.

In separate speeches they both attacked the Administration's "hands-off" policy toward the island.

Mr Vandenberg said he did not feel that Congress had adequate information on Formosa without the testimony of the defence establishment in general and the Joint Chiefs of Staff in particular.

There have been rumours of a split between military leaders and the State Department on the strategic importance of Formosa.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, said last week, however, that there were no major differences merely differences of emphasis.

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The Shah of Persia and his seven-year-old daughter, Princess Shahnaz, in Rome. The Shah was paying a visit to the Italian capital after his six-week trip to America.—London Express Service.

Consulate Flag Returned By Formosa Police

London, Jan. 11.—A Union Jack seized from the British Consulate at Tamsui, Formosa, by eight armed Chinese Nationalist soldiers was returned today, the Foreign Office announced.

Fraser, VC, Heads Search For Lost Boy

Wolverhampton, Jan. 11.—Six "frog men" in rubber suits and diving helmets, led by a Victoria Cross winner, today again descended to the muddy bed of the Birmingham Canal here to search for the body of five-year-old Jimmy Poole, who has been missing since Christmas Day.

The leader of the divers, Lieutenant Ian Fraser, who won the VC for his part in the submarine operations in Singapore against the Japanese.

The frog men worked by floodlight until 9.30 pm last night, combing over the yards of the Canal bed which could not be drained.

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SWEDISH PARLIAMENT OPENED

Stockholm, Jan. 11.—Crown Prince Gustav Adolf opened the Swedish Parliament today in the absence of 91-year-old King Gustav, III in bed with a bronchitis and a septic throat.

This was the first time for 40 years that a royal ceremony had failed to be held.

The last time he opened Parliament he had to be carried through the Parliament grounds in a sedan chair and helped to the throne by his aides.

Crown Prince Gustav Adolf, 29, has a cold but has not failed to be there.

Foreign Relations Minister, Mr. Carl Gustaf, said that the Government would bind the members of the Parliament to each other and promote their economic and social progress.

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Actor Killed On Film Lot

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U.S. Carrier For Far East

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—The aircraft carrier, Boxer, today sailed to reinforce the Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

The carrier is to rendezvous at sea with two destroyers and go to China waters via Pearl Harbor.

The voyage is described as a routine mission to support American foreign policy in the Far East.

The Boxer carries 90 planes and a crew of 3,000 men.

She may participate in forthcoming British fleet manoeuvres off Singapore, but plans are not yet definite.

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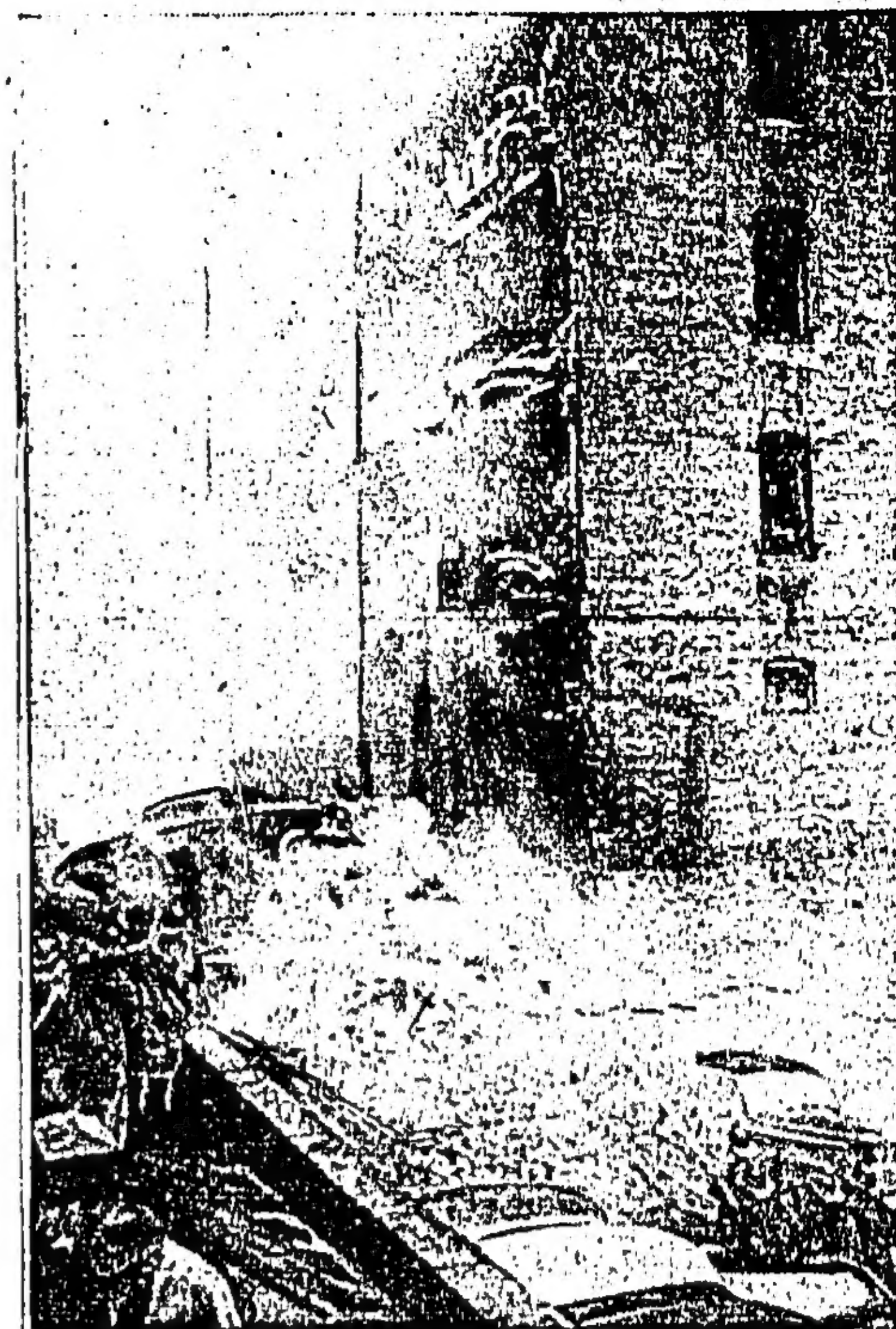
TRANSPLANTED—Because she is homesick, Elizabeth Loushy, an American who has lived in England for three years, grows her own vegetables from home. At an exhibition in London, she showed corn, eggplant, lima beans and pumpkins.



STRANGE MINING—A strip coal mine operator, near Woodland, Pennsylvania, mines his property against marauders. He is placing dynamite charges around one of the trees along the road to the mine. Roving pickets have blown up tipples in the area.



GOING UP—Laura Elliot is one starlet in Hollywood who is climbing the ladder of success.



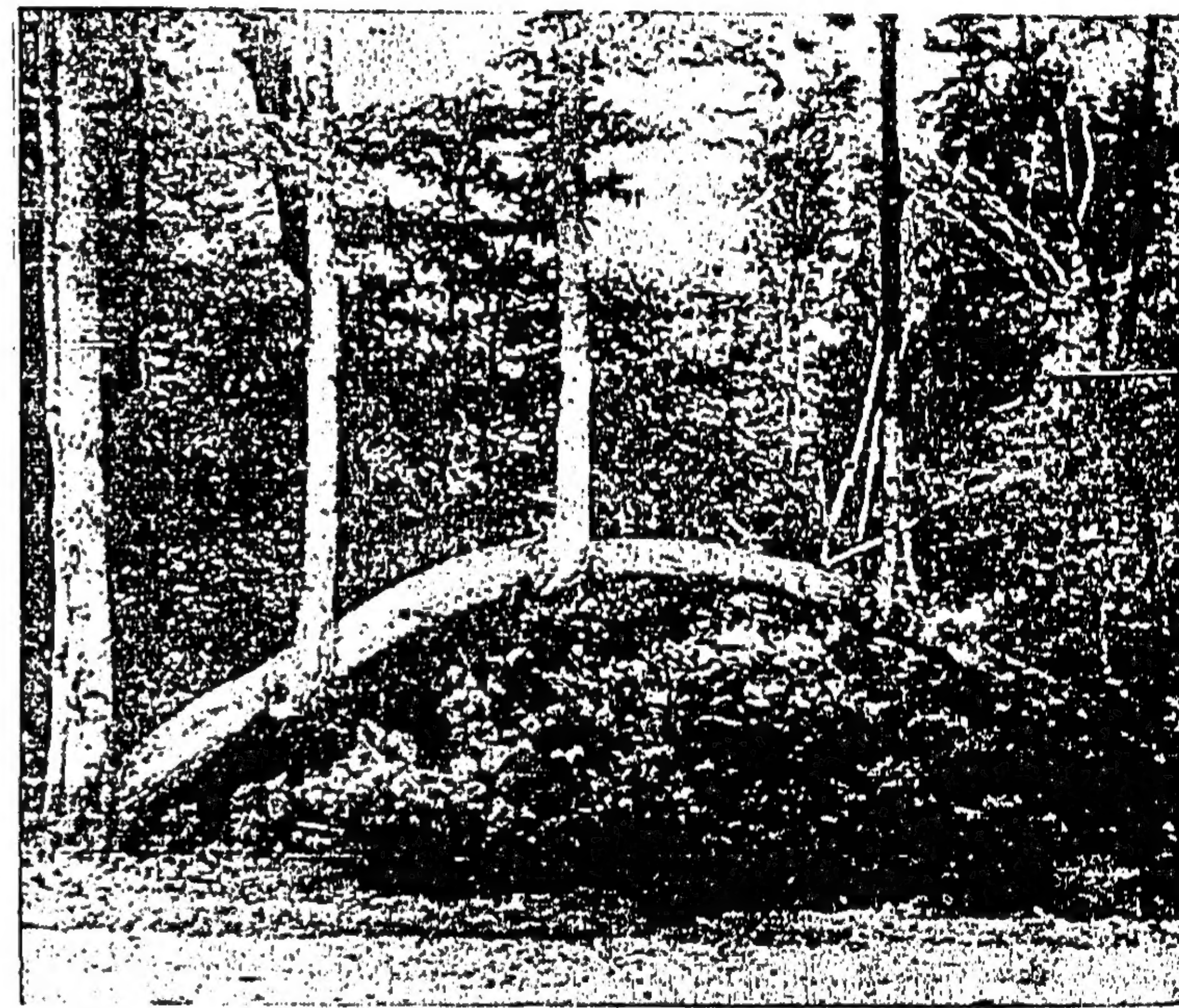
GARAGE FIRE—Firemen pour water on the burning debris of a five-storey garage which was wrecked in New York when some gasoline exploded. At least two persons were injured by the concussion, which shattered scores of windows in the area.



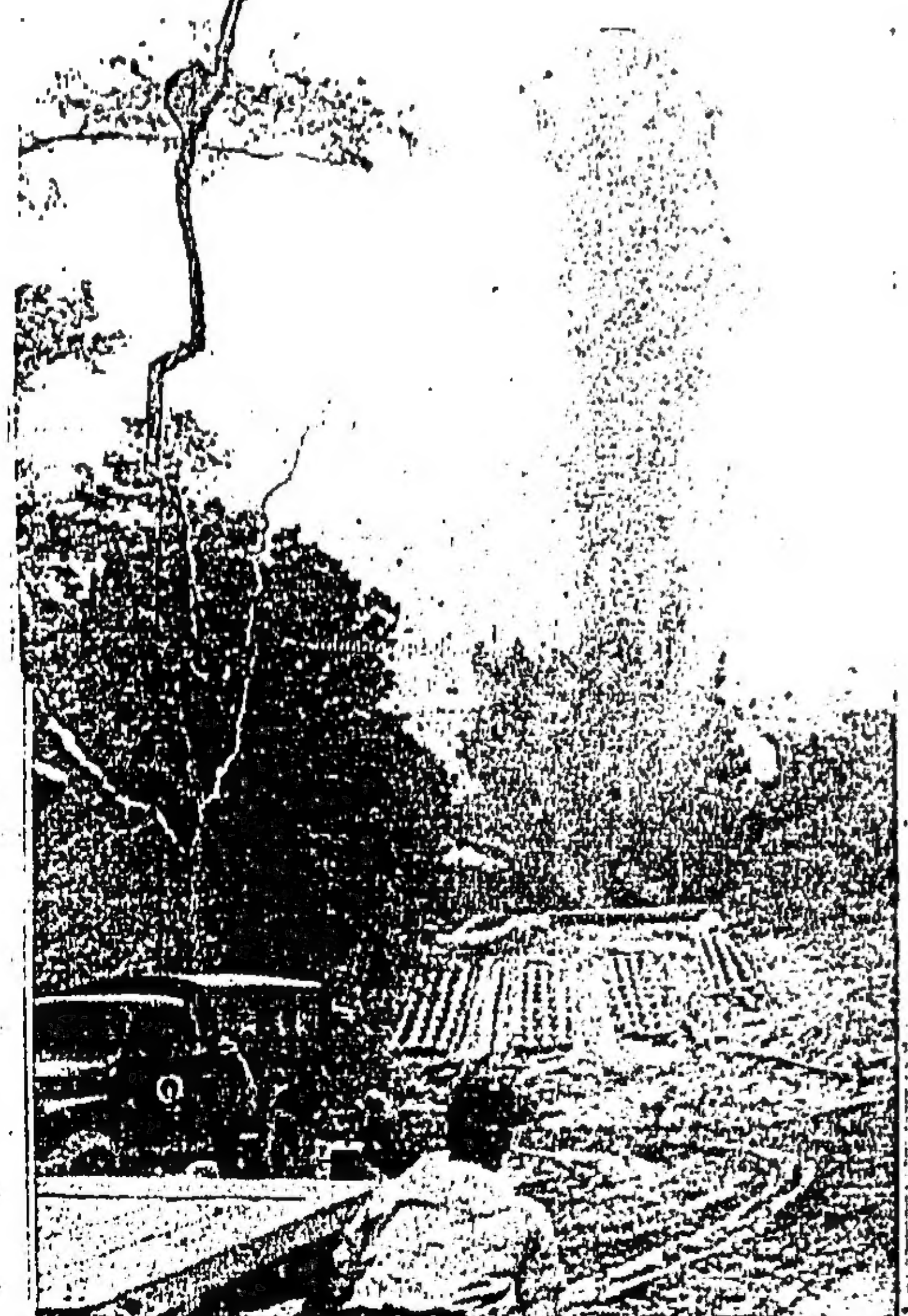
THE SEARCH—Grown-ups and a tiny baby dig for buried treasure after hearing a report that coins had been found on the beach at Mantoloking, New Jersey. Rumour had it that the "gold" washed ashore was from a British ship that sank in 1813, but experts doubted the value of such coins.



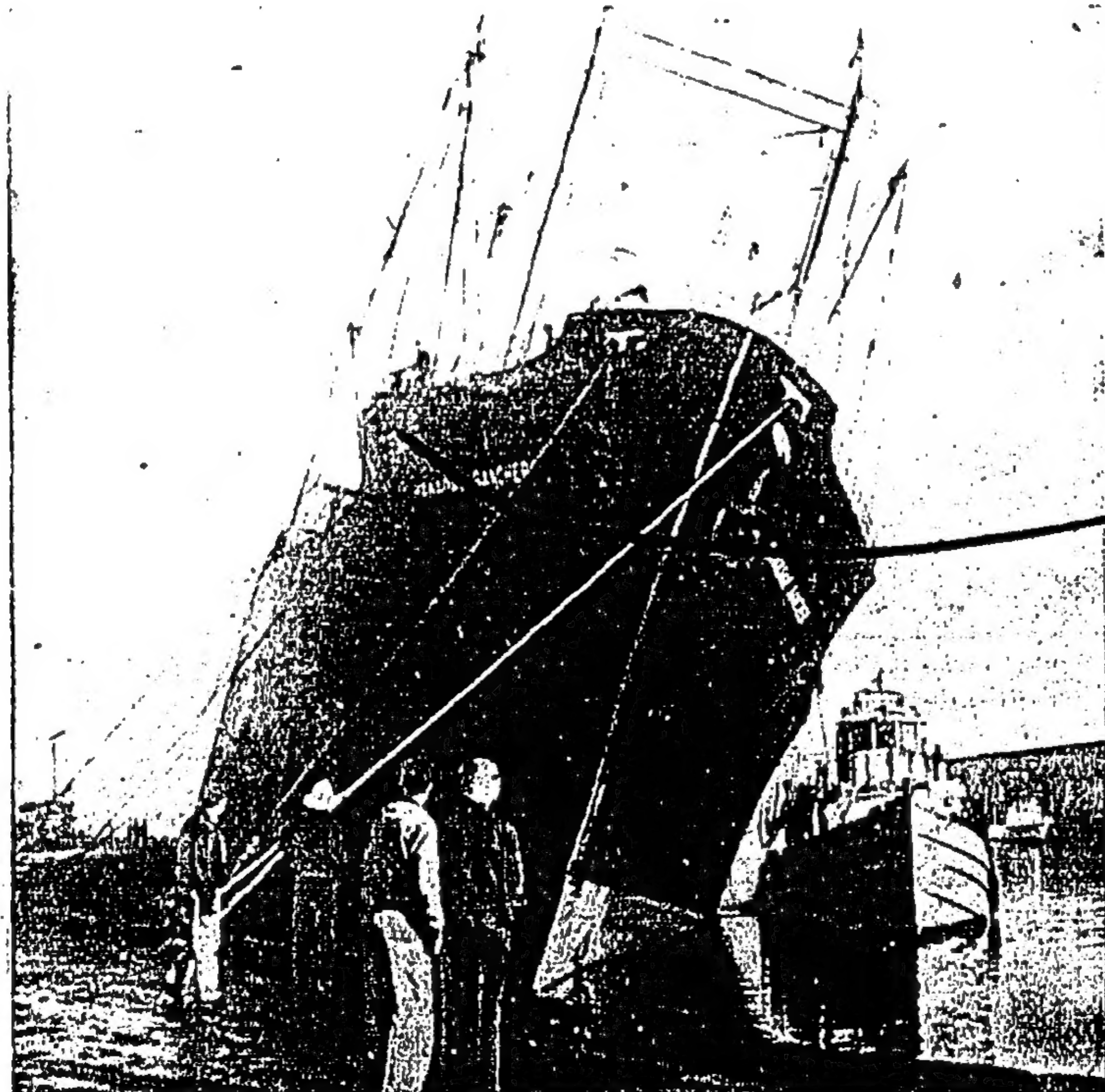
BABY-SITS AT SEA—Many children cross the Atlantic unaccompanied, and Jadwiga Werpachowski, "ship's mother" for the Gdynia American Line, has shepherded hundreds of them. A qualified nurse, psychiatrist and linguist, she here points out the New York skyline to a young charge.



A PERFECT PLACE FOR SHADE—This maple tree, near Munising, Michigan, is unique. It has five vertical trunks, with the main trunk making a loop from left to right, with both ends having a perfect root system. There must be lots of shade while the leaves last.



BLASTING THEIR WAY—Water so high when 25,000 pounds of dynamite exploded in the Potomac River near Washington, D.C. The blast blew a trench in the river bed for a gas pipeline.



BERTHS WITH FIRE ABOARD—The freighter, Hawaiian Rancher, lists dangerously over a fire tug in Alameda, California, as firemen pour water to save its cargo of wallboard and pineapple. The ship caught fire and rolled over to port as it was berthing.



GETTING THEIR KNOW-HOW—During the biggest manoeuvres held since the war in the French Zone of Germany, near Wittlich, the French Army had high-ranking observers from 10 other Atlantic Pact countries. Here soldiers repair a 30-ton tank after an "engagement" in a pitched battle on the northern bank of the Moselle River.

